# Colorado Medicaid Home Modification Benefit

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Improving health care access and outcomes for the people we serve while demonstrating sound stewardship of financial resources

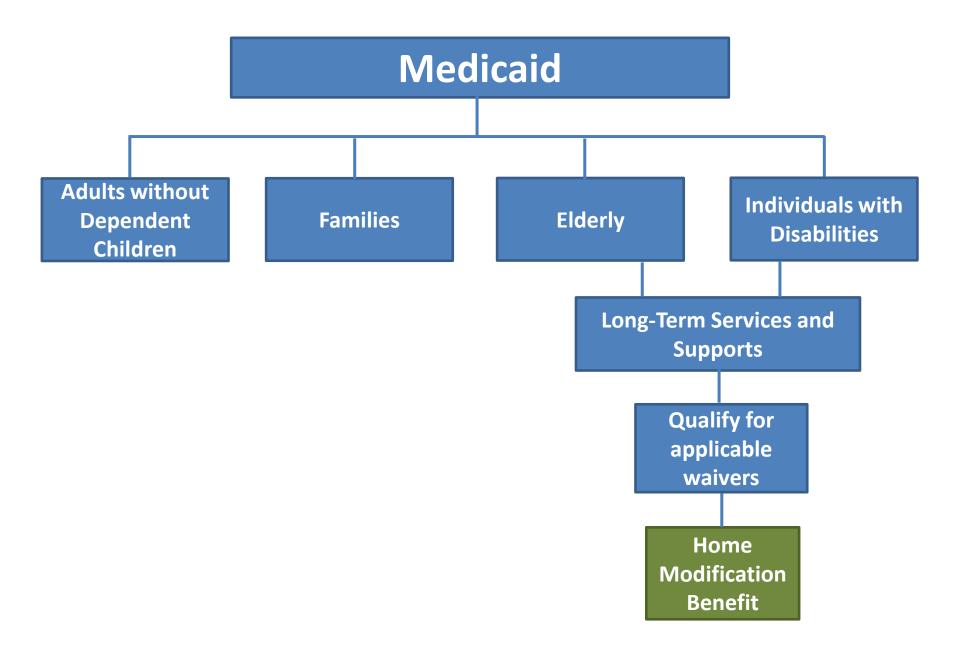
# Medicaid Home Modification Benefit

- → What is Medicaid?
- → What is the Home Modification Benefit?
- → What are our commonalities?
- How can take advantage of this benefit?

### What is Medicaid?

- Medicaid provides free or low-cost health coverage for children, families, elderly and people with disabilities
- → Programs vary by state
  - Must cover mandatory benefits
  - Can provide optional benefits
- → Waivers give states flexibility to develop alternatives for specific populations or needs
- Moving toward more community options





# Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Program

- Provides additional
   Medicaid benefits to
   specific populations
- → Clients must meet financial, medical and program criteria
- → Clients must receive services in their homes or communities



→ Clients can only receive services from one waiver at a time



# Adult HCBS Waivers in Colorado

- → Community Mental Health Supports Waiver
- → Persons with Brain Injury
- → Persons who are Elderly, Blind and Disabled
- → Persons with Spinal Cord Injury
- → Persons Living with AIDS
- → Persons with Developmental Disabilities
- → Supported Living Services Waiver

# Questions



#### **Home Modification Benefit**

#### **Purpose**

Provide a safe and accessible home environment which allows persons living with a disability to safely reside in their home

#### **Medical Need**

Home modifications must:

- Be necessary for health and safety of client
- Enable client to function more independently in home
- Prevent institutionalization
- Be required due to client's illness, impairment or disability as determined by Case Management Agency

#### **Modifications**

- Installing or building ramps
- Installing grab-bars
- Widening doorways
- Modifying
  - Bathrooms
  - Kitchens
- And more...



### How much is the benefit?



- → \$10,000 lifetime cap per client
- → Can be split among different projects
- → Medicaid is payer of last resort

## Michael



- → Living with a physical disability
- → Needs accessible bathroom
- → Enrolled in Elderly, Blind and Disabled waiver
- → Currently renting



## **Client Perspective**

Michael works with Case Manager to submit request



Case Manager requests landlord approval



Occupational
Therapist visits
Michael to
determine need



Case Manager submits bid for State approval



Home Modification provider submits bid to Case Manager



Case Manager requests bids based on therapist evaluation



Case Manager notified of the approved bid



Case Manager notifies Home Modification provider



**Work begins** 

# **Becoming a Provider**

- → Sue owns a home remodel business
- → Many of her clients are part of the elderly or disabled population



→ This program gives her an additional opportunity to continue to help people in her community



## **Provider Perspective**

Enroll as Medicaid
Provider



Connect with local Case Management Agency



Receive notification from CMA when there is a request



Case Manager submits bid for State approval



**Submit bid to Case Manager** 



Conduct site visit with client



Case Manager notifies approved provider



Home Modification provider secures necessary permits



**Work begins** 

What if...

I know someone who might benefit from this program?

## What are our commonalities?







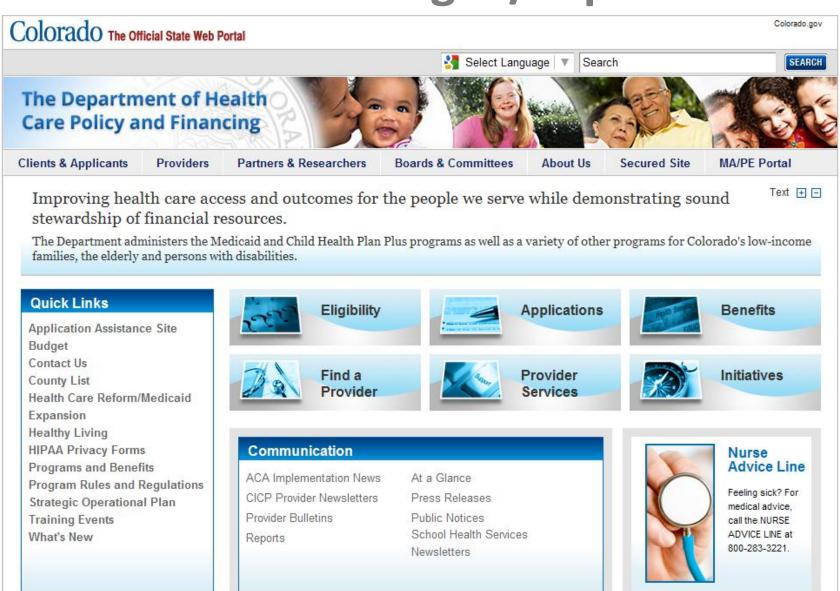
## **Differences and Similarities**

- → Type of Work
- → Funding
- → Clients
- → Providers
- → Who oversees programs

# Becoming a Home Modification Provider

- → Expand your business to new populations
- Provide services to a vulnerable population in your community
- → Take advantage of additional funding source

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# Questions



#### Thank You!

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